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CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

April - June 2021

A Message from Your Chapter President

Hello ACHE of South Florida members, supporters, and friends.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about the accomplishments of our members and our chapter throughout the second quarter of this year. Despite continuing to operate in a mostly virtual business environment, we strived to provide events and activities that kept us all connected. Through educational programming, networking, new member orientation, the annual Healthcare Leader Development Student Case Competition, and the chapter's first Fellow Advancement & BOG Exam Informational Session, we've seen participation collectively reach several hundred over the last three months. We are grateful for your support and involvement. A lot of time, dedication, and heart goes into organizing events, and it makes volunteering for this organization fulfilling when engagement is high.

I extend a warm welcome to all of you that have recently joined ACHE and our chapter or renewed your membership. Please reach out, introduce yourself, attend events, volunteer on a committee, and offer suggestions and feedback. Help us as we continue on a mission-driven and member-focused course.

With the deepest gratitude and respect, I wish to acknowledge everyone that continues to help us through the pandemic, including healthcare workers, first responders, educators, and so many others. Thank you to our sponsors and board members who volunteer their time to fulfill their obligations to our members.

For the latest news, including upcoming events, member and sponsor spotlights and much more, please bookmark our chapter's [website](#) and follow us on [LinkedIn](#)!

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Wong, FACHE



About ACHE of South Florida

ACHE of South Florida, known as the South Florida Healthcare Executive Forum (SFHEF) until 2020, is the local chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). Its origins date back to 1972 and serves over one thousand healthcare executives, students, and supporters spanning seven counties throughout southeast Florida, from Monroe to the Treasure Coast.

The mission of ACHE and ACHE of South Florida (ACHE-SFL) is to advance our members and healthcare leadership excellence.

Chapter Highlights

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2021 Virtual Healthcare Leader Development Case Competition

For the first time, the annual Healthcare Leader Development Case Competition was held virtually on April 9 - 10 as a result of the pandemic. I'm happy to report that participation was the highest ever with over 100 attendees over both days!

A lot of work goes into planning and executing this event and I want to express my deepest gratitude to this year's Student Services Committee Chair, Ayana Miller, FACHE, and Chair-Elect, Marla Sanfilippo, FACHE, as well as to the planning committee, which consisted of Oyinkansola "Buky" Ogunrinde, Adrian Parker, FACHE, and me.

ACHE of South Florida awarded over \$4,000 to the winners, with another several hundred dollars donated to ACHE's Fund for Healthcare Leadership on behalf of the judges, Dr. David Mishkin, Mr. William Manzie and Dr. Michelle Thompson, and mentors that participated this year. We are so grateful for you sharing your experience with our future healthcare leaders.

I applaud ALL of the teams that participated, as well as their Program Directors! Thank you and CONGRATULATIONS to this year's winners!

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2021 VIRTUAL HEALTHCARE LEADER DEVELOPMENT CASE COMPETITION

PROGRAM DIRECTORS:
Dr. Karoline Mortensen
Dr. Michael French - MHA

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

GRADUATE TEAM WINNERS

Miriyam Ghali Jason Greenfield Jessica Griff Alexander Gibstein Serena Shah

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If you would like to watch the recorded version of the case competition or the awards ceremony, please click on the image to the right.

This year's awards ceremony included two great informational sessions;

- *Making the Most of Your Student Membership via the ACHE Career Resource Center.*
- *Personal Branding: Leveraging LinkedIn for Success.*



Thank you so much to the following individuals for their contributions to the success of this event;

- Gina LaMantia from ACHE for presenting "Making the Most of Your Student Membership via the ACHE Career Resource Center."
- Rudy Molinet, FACHE, and Dan Cornely for presenting "Personal Branding: Leveraging LinkedIn for Success."
- Adrian Parker, FACHE, for creating the first-ever video testimonials collage featuring past student case competition and scholarship winners. Watch it [HERE](#).
- [Grant McGaugh](#) and [5 STAR BDM](#) for editing the case competition and awards ceremony videos.

In early May, the chapter hosted its first "New Member Orientation & Networking" event.

Thank you to all those that attended and helped to organize, including membership chair-elect Zunner Rios, CPA, FACHE, and president-elect Oyinkansola "Bukky" Ogunrinde!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Thank you for joining
ACHE and ACHE of South Florida!

Make the most of your membership by joining the chapter
President and the Membership Committee for a friendly,
informative introduction to the chapter.

LEARN ABOUT MEMBER BENEFITS

- Chapter Resources
- Opportunities for leadership development
- Upcoming Events
- Board of Governors Exam Tips
- And more....



**MEET
OTHER
NEW
MEMBERS!**

**TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021
6PM - 7:30PM
ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US!

I'd like to extend a warm welcome
to the more than 70 new members
that joined ACHE and our chapter
in the second quarter of 2021.

Stay tuned for the next one!

Educational Programs

On May 27th, the chapter's Education
Committee offered members the second
virtual Face-to-Face program for 2021.

Thanks to Attila Hertelendy, PhD, and
Charles Felix, CPA, for organizing this event.
I also want to thank our panelists for their
time, support, and informative discussion.

If you would like to volunteer on this
committee, serve on a panel, or have
suggestions for an upcoming topic, please
send an email to
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**Ensuring
Your
Community's
Emergency
Preparedness**

In the best of circumstances, healthcare organizations operate in a complex environment. This can be exacerbated when a community faces a local or national emergency, either natural, human-caused, or technological, that thrusts the healthcare system to the forefront of response and makes it the focus of recovery efforts. It is critical that the local healthcare community be actively engaged in the development of comprehensive emergency preparedness plans, training, and exercises to ensure that local organizations communicate and coordinate their mutual support in service to the community.

Join this esteemed panel and learn more.
**Thursday, May 27, 2021
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

 Dr. Attila Hertelendy Associate Professor Florida International University	 Mr. Aurelio M. Fernandez, III, FACHE President and CEO Memorial Healthcare System	 Mr. Jared M. Smith, CPA CEO Broward Health Coral Springs	 Dr. Eric Geramlik Associate Professor Harvard Medical School Medical Director, Emergency Preparedness, Brigham Health	 Mr. Mark Doyle President and CEO Holy Cross Health
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Please see below for upcoming educational programs offered by ACHE.

Member Updates & Recognition

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CONGRATULATIONS, new Fellows!

ACHE of South Florida celebrates with these individuals who earned board certification in healthcare management in the second quarter of 2021!

Earning the **FACHE** credential signifies meeting eligibility requirements over several years, demonstrating competency in all areas of healthcare management.

Thank you for your commitment to integrity, lifelong learning, leadership, diversity and inclusion.

KEVIN CORCORAN, FACHE

CONGRATULATIONS on becoming a Life Fellow, which signifies 25 years or more of combined membership.

C. KENNON HETLAGE, LFACHE

To learn more about becoming a FACHE and the updated requirements, visit <https://www.ache.org/fache>.

If you want to learn more about board certification in healthcare management and missed the chapter's first Fellow Advancement and BOG Exam Informational Session on June 30th, click on the dates below to register for either of the following FREE webinars offered by ACHE;

[September 16 from 2pm - 3pm.](#)

[December 9 from 2pm - 3pm.](#)

Session Objectives

- Learn about the eligibility requirements and how to know which ones you've met.
 - Understand the entire application process and what materials you need.
 - Decide if now is the right time for you to pursue the FACHE credential.
 - Set your expectations for the Board of Governors Exam, from knowing what's covered to preparing to do your best.
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Why Become/Remain a Member of ACHE?

Join 48,000+ healthcare leaders from across the country and around the world, dedicated to improving health for their patients and their communities.

Learn more about membership [HERE](#).

Share the benefits of membership with your colleagues!
Click on the image below to learn more.

2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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Recent Grads Can Transfer to Full Membership for Free

Now through Aug. 30, Student Associates can transfer to full membership free of charge and experience all the benefits of being a Member. Full membership means automatically belonging to ACHE's **Early Careerist Network**, being able to begin accruing Member tenure toward the one-year requirement to **become a Fellow** and participating in ACHE's **Leader-to-Leader Rewards Program**. Recent graduates can jumpstart their career today by visiting **My ACHE** to transfer to Member status. Visit [ache.org/Students](https://www.ache.org/Students) for more information about transferring.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS & TESTIMONIALS



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Amadeo H. Cabral, MD, MBA, FACS, CHCQM

Chief Strategy Officer/SVP - Orange Care Group (ACG)
President/Owner - Quality Surgical Care PA and Hennis Institute of Florida, Inc.
Chair, Board of Directors, Health Council of South Florida

"As a physician, my passion is to deliver value-based personal care on an individual basis. As an executive of a leading population health management company, our goal is focused on achieving the quadruple aim of improving health outcomes with a better patient and provider experience at a reduced cost.

ACHE of South Florida offers a tremendous network of dedicated executives and clinical providers, along with continuous educational programs, that will allow the evolution of value-based care in South Florida."

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EXECUTIVE SPOTLIGHT



Matthew A. Love, FACHE
President and CEO



**Nicklaus Children's
Health System**



How long have you been a member of ACHE?

I joined ACHE in 2007 and achieved fellow status in 2011.

Why did you join?

I heard about ACHE through colleagues and finally made the decision to join so that I could become friends and network with other leaders in my profession. The ACHE community is very welcoming as a young professional and has proven to be rewarding as I've gone through my career.

Why would you encourage someone to get involved with ACHE and ACHE of South Florida?

ACHE is a great way to network professionally and develop lifelong relationships. The group gives you the opportunity to meet with and get to know leaders in healthcare that you can reach out to and connect with whenever you have a question, new idea, or simply want to chat. I remain close with many former colleagues through ACHE and its activities.

What is something about NCHS that makes you most proud?

I love everything about Nicklaus Children's. All of the people who work here are truly passionate about creating a healthy future for every child. Our mission is unparalleled and our employees are committed to it in every way. Our community, South Florida, is an incredible place with amazing individuals and businesses who fully support our mission of providing the best care to every child. There is nothing like being a hospital dedicated exclusively to and taking care of what is most precious in our world---our children!



**ADEMOLA AYO AKINKUNMI,
PMP, FACHE, MHA, CCM, RN
DIRECTOR OF PATIENT CARE SERVICES
MEDICAL-SURGICAL/TELEMETRY DIVISION
JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

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"Being a member of ACHE has been value-adding all around. Besides the networking advantage,

I have been amazed by the cutting-edge industry knowledge ACHE provides through regularly organized local chapter events, and the currency of the articles in the Journal of Healthcare Management. It's incredible to be able to hear the thoughts of leaders in the healthcare industry. There's so much information about where healthcare is going and what trends are happening; you can project this information onto your own organization to figure out if you're on trend or not, and if you're staying ahead of the curve."

Miracles made daily.

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RANDY GROSS, FACHE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
BROWARD HEALTH IMPERIAL POINT

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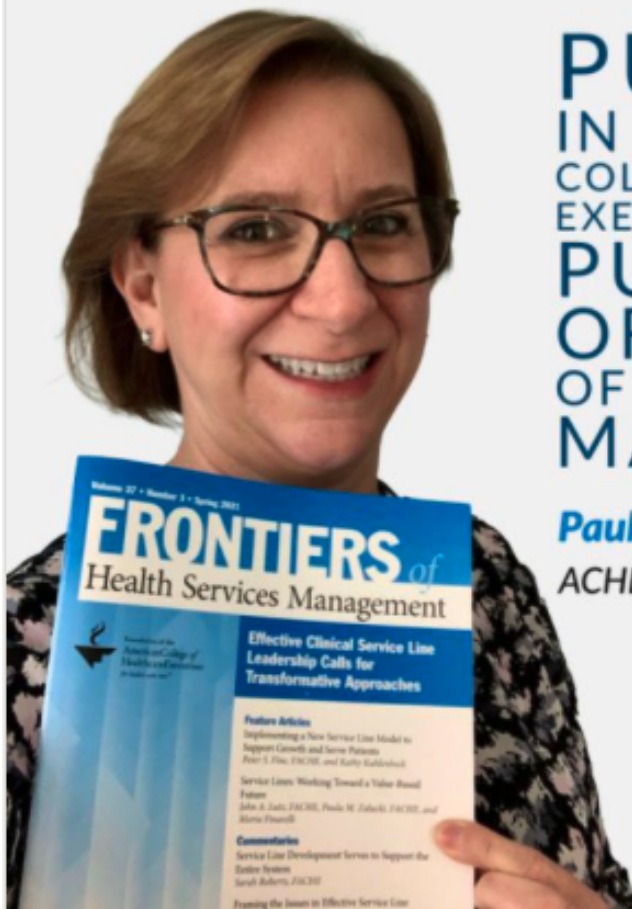


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"Administrators have to constantly reinvent themselves to deal with all of the evolving challenges in healthcare. You can't be stagnant in this career, and ACHE brings many of the tools you need to the table. The opportunities are there to continually network, to be a mentor to someone, to receive continuing education and to build a community. You just have to take advantage of everything the membership offers. You can use ACHE to find prospective employees, learn about recruiting and retention, engage with doctors, and learn how to constantly improve; you can't underestimate the value of that. One of the things that I love about Broward Health is that they encourage growth and development and networking, and ACHE presents the perfect platform for that, it is invaluable when looking at how to improve our quality and service to patients, and ways to better serve the community."

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BREAKING NEWS



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Paula Zalucki, FACHE, FACMPE
ACHE of South Florida Board Member

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MANAGEMENT
CONSULTANT COLLEAGUES
MARIA FINARELLI
AND JOHN LUTZ AS
CO-AUTHORS FOR THIS ARTICLE.

Get Involved with ACHE of South Florida

Would you like to become more involved with your local chapter of ACHE?

Are you interested in becoming a FACHE and need volunteer hours?

Would you like to build leadership experience?

Do you have a passion for helping our healthcare community?

ACHE of South Florida's committees include educational programming, membership, networking, sponsorship and student services.

Volunteer with ACHE of South Florida by sending an email to Info@ACHEofSouthFlorida.org and indicating your committee of interest.

National News from ACHE

Don't miss these upcoming virtual face-to-face educational programs.

July 14–Aug. 11

[Agility & Resilience in Healthcare Leadership: Key Behaviors for Leading Change](#)

Aug. 10–19

[Never Be Boring: Present Like a Pro](#)

Aug. 24–Sept. 30

[Virtual Board of Governors Exam Review Course](#)

Aug. 25–Sept. 22

[Possibilities, Probabilities and Creative Solutions: Breakthrough Thinking for Complex Environments](#)

Aug. 31–Sept. 23

[Optimizing Ambulatory Management for the 21st Century](#)

Visit ACHE's [website](#) for additional virtual educational courses that offer Face-to-Face credits and Qualified Education Credits.

Upcoming Events

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Please visit our chapter's [EVENTS](#) page to view and register for upcoming events.



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Message from Your ACHE Regent

Spring 2021

I am excited to share how our two chapters are continuing to elevate the college's worth to members. We continue to be shown in the Healthcare Executive Magazine with our state-wide Board of Governors preparatory course for Fellow advancement and by having national speakers from Harvard and other academic institutions be part of our education sessions that reside outside the state of Florida. Overall, as Regent, I am very proud of the caliber of the curriculum we are providing our members during a time of WebEx forums.



To read the rest of my current message, click [HERE!](#)

Ashley R. Vertuno, FACHE
Regent for Florida - Eastern
Chief Executive Officer
JFK Medical Center North Campus



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